

Boogie Down Productions Lyrics

"The Racist"

Verse

I've been taught to respect my elders and behave
Even if when they were young they sold slaves
 Truth and understandin' is what I crave
In the land of the thief, home of the slave
 Turn your page to a brief demonstration
Cos now in '90 it's strictly information I'm givin'
 Teachin' on a regular basis
 Today's lecture is about The Racist
 We're not out to exaggerate or diss him
 But show the symptoms and facts of racism
 Understand The Racist ain't equal
There's about five different types of racist people
 First of the five different types of cases
 Is the individual brought up racist
 Here you have young men and women
 Brought up in the Great White Way opinion
 This opinion introduced by the parent
 To the civilised becomes transparent
 The civilised man could look through the faces
 Make the analysis and see The Racist
 Number two case which y'all must hear
 Is the individual racist out of fear
 Here you have people that fear the African
 And conjure up new ways of trappin' him
 Number three is the unconscious racist
 Not knowin' they're racist they invade your spaces
 They say, "I'm not a racist, I'm not a bigot"
 Yet they allow it to go on and won't admit it
 Number four is the money racist
 The one that used the topics of sheer economics
 They say, "Owning a business isn't for the black man
 He don't want that", yet they went and took his land
 Damn, that's like a rock in a hard place
 You don't have your land yet this ain't your space
 America was built by every other race
 Except the European that runs this place
 What a waste, America's doomed
 To be overthrown by the righteous real soon
 But last but not least racial prejudice
 Is the black man speakin' out of ignorance
 Whitey this and Ching-Chow that

Is not how the intelligent man acts
You can't blame the whole white race
For slavery, cos this ain't the case
A large sum of white people died with black
Tryin' hard to fight racial attacks
The media wants you to think that no whites
Really fought and died for Civil Rights
But once we have a true sense of history
You'll see this too as a mystery
If black and white didn't argue the most
They could clearly see the government's screwin' 'em both.